

THE BIRMINGHAM
**BOTANICAL
GARDENS**
TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

ROLE DESCRIPTION

ROLE TITLE: **Weekend Animal Volunteer (Reptile & Invertebrates)**

RESPONSIBLE TO: Education Manager

AIM: To assist with a small collection of reptiles and invertebrates at the Botanical Gardens.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The volunteer can undertake any of the following activities from the range shown below following appropriate instruction or under the supervision of the Education Manager.

- Handling reptiles including two adult Bearded Dragons and two adult Corn Snakes
- Handling invertebrates including two giant Tropical Millipedes
- Feeding the reptiles and invertebrates
- Cleaning their vivariums

PERSON DESCRIPTION

Some previous experience of working with reptiles and invertebrates would be advantageous. You must be confident to handle the animals including where necessary, transporting them between rooms on site to care for them, as directed by room availability in the Education zone.

You must be confident to handle live feed including crickets and locusts to the Bearded Dragons and frozen mice to the Snakes. Vegetables and fruit will be required to be cut and shredded to feed the Bearded Dragons and the Millipedes.

Must be enthusiastic, dependable, and able to work unsupervised at weekends.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

This role requires you for approximately two hours on a Saturday or a Sunday (or both if you are available). We are looking for you to be available as often as possible at weekends, but if you can only offer a few weekends, we would still be grateful for your help!

There is also the possibility of being involved in the care of the animals during weekdays including school holidays too if available.

This role is located at The Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR.